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SUBJECT: PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS WORKING GROUP, MAY  
6 AFTERNOON SESSION

1. SUMMARY: AFTERNOON SESSION OF WG ON MAY 6 WAS DEVOTED TO GUIDELINES DRAFT ARTICLE 9 AND TO GENERAL DISCUSSION ON SEVERAL DRAFT ARTICLES AS TO HOW THESE ARTICLES PUT FORTH IN WORKING PAPERS SHOULD APPEAR IN WG REPORT. WE AGREED TO INFORMAL MEETING MAY 13 AND TO ATTEMPT TO MEET SPORADICALLY IN COMING WEEKS DEPENDING THE AVAILABILITY OF CONFERENCE FACILITIES. A PROPOSAL TO MEET FOR SEVERAL SESSIONS IN SEPTEMBER WAS ALSO TENTATIVELY AGREED TO BY WG. END SUMMARY.

2. DISCUSSION ON DRAFT ARTICLE 9 STARTED OFF WITH US/USSR NAME CALLING AFTER US INTRODUCED SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO PROPOSAL OF MAY 3 (WORKING PAPER 36); (1) SUBSTITUTE IMPORTANT FOR ESSENTIAL IN FIRST LINE, (2) ADD "TO BE FULLY EFFECTIVE" AT END OF FIRST SENTENCE, (3) DELETE PHRASE "PARTICULARLY OF THE HOST COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT, ACTING IN EXERCISE OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY," AND (4) SUBSTITUTE IMPORTANT FOR ESSENTIAL IN PENULTIMATE LINE. RESULT WAS COMPROMISE PACKAGE WHICH READS: "IT IS ESSENTIAL  
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THAT THROUGHOUT THE CONDUCT OF A UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATION, IT SHALL HAVE THE FULL CONFIDENCE AND BACKING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL. SUCH FORCES MUST OPERATE WITH THE FULL CO-OPERATION OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED, PARTICULARLY OF THE HOST COUNTRY'S GOVERNMENT DUE ACCOUNT BEING TAKEN OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY. THIRD, SUCH FORCES MUST FUNCTION AS INTEGRATED AND EFFICIENT MILITARY UNITS AND ACT WITH

COMPLETE OBJECTIVITY. IT IS ALSO OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO SECURE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT FOR EACH UNIT IRRESPECTIVE OF ITS NATIONALITY." UK AND NIGERIA AHD PROPOSED IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CONTINUE TO ENSURE THAT THE CONDUCT OF UNITED NATIONS PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS HAS THE FULL CONFIDENCE AND BACKING OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL," AS FIRST SENTENCE. FINAL WORDING OF FIRST SENTENCE WAS PROPOSED BY INDIAN DEL AND EVENTUALLY ACCEPTED BY ALL. PHRASE "DUE ACCOUNT BEING TAKEN OF ITS SOVEREIGNTY" CAUSED PROBLEMS FOR US AND UK DELS WITH RESULT THAT BOTH INSISTED THAT WG REPORT REFLECT OUR CONCERN WITH POSITIONS RESERVED. (NOTE: THIS IS ISSUE ON WHICH USUN WILL SEEK GUIDANCE IN FURTHER CABLE PRESENTING FULL TEXT OF ARTICLE 5-13 AS WORKING PAPERS' PROPOSALS AND AS REQUIRING FURTHER DEBATE. ONLY EXCEPTION IS ARTICLE 7 (REPORTING FUNCTIONS) WHICH WAS ACCEPTED BY THE WG TO BE ADVANCED TO SAME STATUS OF ARTICLE 1-4.)

3. IN DISCUSSION OF GUIDANCE TO RAPPORTEUR ON DRAFTING WG REPORT CERTAIN CHANGES WERE PROPOSED AND TENTATIVELY ACCEPTED IN WORKING PAPERS TO BE PRODUCED MAY 8. ARTICLE 6 AS WORKING PAPER WOULD NOW READ: UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL, BRACKET BY VIRTUE OF THE POWERS WHICH MAY BE CONFERRED ON HIM BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND IN HIS CAPACITY AS THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE ORGANIZATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 97 OF THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS BRACKET, IS IN CHARGE OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF BRACKET, BRACKET SHALL DIRECT BRACKET, PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS, BRACKET RECEIVING CONFIDENTIAL

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GUIDANCE FROM A SUBSIDIARY BODY OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL BRACKET. IT WAS CLEAR FROM DISCUSSION THAT NEARLY ALL ASPECTS OF THIS ARTICLE WERE CONTESTED AND CONSIDERABLE ADDITIONAL TIME WOULD BE NEEDED TO MOVE FURTHER TOWARD A CONSENSUS. SOVIET DEL THREW IN FINAL PHRASE AS PRICE FOR "SHALL DIRECT" AND FIRST SET OF BRACKETS AS INSISTED BY UK DEL.

4. ARTICLE 8 WILL NOW APPEAR AS WORKING PAPER; "THE COMMAND IN THE FIELD WILL BE EXERCISED BY A FORCE COMMANDER APPOINTED BRACKET ON THE PROPOSAL OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BRACKET, BRACKET BY THE SECRETARY-GENERAL BRACKET, BRACKET WITH THE CONSENT OF BRACKET BRACKET BY BRACKET THE SECURITY COUNCIL. THE COMMANDER WILL BE GIVEN NECESSARY AUTHORITY OVER ALL ELEMENTS OF THE OPERATION WITHIN THE TERMS OF THE MANDATE AND SPECIFIC DIRECTIVES. THE COMMANDER SHALL COOPERATE BRACKET THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS BRACKET WITH THE SUBSIDIARY BODY WHICH THE SECURITY COUNCIL MAY ESTABLISH TO ASSIST THE COUNCIL."

5. ARTICLE 10 WOULD THIS APPEAR ALSO AS A NEW WORKING  
PAPER AND WILL READ: "IN THE COMPOSITION OF A PEACEKEEPING  
FORCE ESTABLISHED UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECURITY  
COUNCIL EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICAL BALANCE SHALL BE ONE OF  
THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES, BRACKET ALONG WITH THE NECESSITY  
OF SECURING THE HIGHEST STANDARD OF EFFICIENCY, TT COMPLETENESS,  
AND INTEGRITY BRACKET. BRACKET COUNTRIES CONTRIBUTING  
CONTINGENTS TO PEACEKEEPING OPERATIONS MUST ENSURE THAT  
SUCH CONTINGENTS HAVE THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF EFFICIENCY,  
COMPETENCE AND INTEGRITY BRACKET. BRACKET THE SELECTION  
AND REPLEACEMENT OF NATIONAL CONTINGENTS SHALL BE BRACKET  
UNDERTAKEN BRACKET BY THE BRACKET SECRETARY-GENERAL WITH  
THE BRACKET AGREEMENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE HOST  
COUNTRY BRACKET."

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